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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shubh D. SHARMA et al)	Confirmation No. 4623
Application No. 10/762,079)	Group Art Unit: 1624
Filed: January 21, 2004)	Examiner: Ebenezer O. Sackey
For: Piperazine Melanocortin-Specific Compounds)))	Date: <u>August 6, 2007</u>

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2007, the time for responding to which has been extended through August 5, 2007 by the filing of a petition for a three-month extension of time and authorization for fee payment, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Because August 5, 2007 fell on a Sunday, this response is being timely filed on Monday, August 6, 2007 under the next business day rule.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 29 of this paper.

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